

**VILLAGE OF WEST SALEM  
FIRE DEPARTMENT MINUTES  
COUNTY OF EDWARDS  
January 8, 2024**

**Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the West Salem Fire Department was held in the West Salem Fire House at 6:30 P.M. on the above date.

**Roll Call:**

Present	Volunteer Fireman	Absent		Present	Volunteer Fireman	Absent
X	Jason Arnold			X	Eric Goldsmith	
X	Sam Arnold			X	Royce Jones	
X	Brandon Bare			X	Brad Lake	
	Darby Boewe	X			Dustin Leek	X
X	Jeff Bradham			X	Martin Swartzbaugh	
X	Jerry Bradham				Evan Thomson	X
	Mike Clark	X				
	Luke Donaldson	X				
X	Harvey Fenton					
X	Jordan Fritchley					
X	Jared Giese					
	Tod Goble	X				

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Motion was made by Royce Jones and seconded by Martin Swartzbaugh to approve the Minutes for the December 4, 2023 meeting. Motion passed by unanimously by **Voice Vote**.

**Fire Chief's Report:**

Chief Fenton stated that his remarks would be shared under 'New Business' on the Agenda.

**Public Discussion/Comments from Audience:**

None

**Officers Report:**

**Secretary:** Eric Goldsmith is following up on a hard suction for Engine 3, and an adapter.

**Training Officer:** Jordan Fritchley stated that driver training is underway.

**Building Maintenance:** A new walk in door for the department has been installed.

**Equipment Maintenance:** The end of Village's fiscal year is April 30<sup>th</sup>. If there are maintenance/repairs that were planned to be completed in this year's Budget they should be done soon. Budget requests should be submitted to the Village Board by February or March.

**Run Reports:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Purchase Requests:** No requests. The merits of pagers verses phones were discussed. Many find the use of cell phones more convenient then carrying a pager, and they noted that calls tend to come to their phones first. It was shared that a nearby department has eliminated pagers in favor of cell phones. While phones are reliable, they are dependent on cell towers and phone companies for services. The Pager system is designed to be more dependable, especially in the event of a major disaster – when cell service may be disrupted. If anyone is not interested in carrying a pager, they can turn it in so that it may be issued to someone who may wish to carry one.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

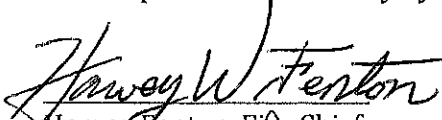
Chief Fenton stated that the department acquired a new AMS Air pack. While the air pack has never been opened, it is from 2004. It was donated by another department. The Air pack can be used for training purposes only.


The Chief reminded everyone that the hourly stipend went up to \$14.00 per hour, and will increase to \$15.00 per hour next year. The Village Ordinance states that the pay for the Volunteer Firefighters will increase as Minimum Wage increases.

The Chief and three other firefighters will be attending pipe line training on January 10, 2024.

**Adjournment:** 6:50 P.M.

**Motion:** it was moved by Jordan Fritchley and seconded by Brad Lake to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. Motion passed unanimously by **Voice Vote**.

  
Harvey Fenton, Fire Chief

  
Eric Goldsmith, Secretary